Key essential commodities namely, rice, wheat, levy sugar, imported eible oils, kerosene and soft coke are distributed under the Public Distribution System (PDS). The Central Government incurs substantial expenditure on account of subsidy on the distribution of PDS foodgrains. The State Governments and U.T. Administrations have been requested to include, for distribution, additional items of mass consumption such as tea, iodised salt and soaps using the PDS outlets etc. They procure their requirements of additional commodities themselves through National level organisations such as National Agricutural Co-operative Marketing Federation (NAFED), National Consumer Cooperative Federation (NCCF), Tea Board or other Agencies. A number of States have started distributing some quantities of tea, toilet soap cakes and iodised salt etc.

Scale of rice and wheat to ration card holders

432. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scale for distribution of wheat and rice to ration card hoders has been fixed in Delhi and outside ;

(b) if so, the details thereof separtely for rice eaters and wheat eaters as on 15th Febrary, 1992 ;

(c) whether scale of distribution of rice and wheat to ration card holders in Delhi was higher upto November, 1991 ;

(d) if so, the details thereof separately for wheat eaters and rice eaters ;

(e) whether this scale of distribution of what and rice has been cut recently ;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(g) whether Government propose to abolish the system of distribution of wheat and rice through Public Distribution Sysem in view of scarcity of these items ; and

(h) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thierefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) The scale of entitlement of these items on the Public Distribution System (PDS) is decided by the State Governments and U.T. Administrations, and may very from State to State. In many States, scales of entitlements are fixed on a monthly basis at the district level.

(b) Scales of Wheat and Rice in force in the Union Territory of Delhi for Wheat and Rice eaters are as under ;

Wheat Eater Food Cards

Wheat : 10 Kg. per cereal unit per month.

Rice : 2.5 Kg. per cereal unit per month.

Rice Eater Food Cards

Wheat : 4.5 Kg. per cereal unit per month.

Rice : 8 Kg. per cereal uni per month.

Allocation of foodgrains received from the Central Government is distributed amongs the Fair Price Shops.

One adult is eligible for 2 cereal units
One child is eligible for 1 cereal unit.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) No, Sir.

(g) and (h) No, Sir.